

rels within the party, Jefferson strove for harmony, but would not give up his favorite. He wrote to Monroe letters even more soothing- than those he had dispatched while the latter was abroad. He went with him through the entire history of his late mission, denying any intention to slight or ignore him, and pleading for the old intimacy between him and Madison. Monroe, besides fearing to break openly from Jefferson, even though the latter was soon to> be a private citizen, cherished a deep reverence for him, and this asserted itself after a brief period of chagrin. Neither John Randolph nor George Clinton was the man to> solidify the Federalist opposition to the Embargo and to win its vote. The Federalists on their side had to give up hope of a coalition, and in the summer of 1808, they put forth their old candidates, Pinckney and King. Madison was favored by good fortune throughout. The legislatures were chosen before the Embargo Act reached its highest pitch of unpopularity, and Madison received the electoral votes of several States that returned Federal Congressmen in the autumn. Notwithstanding this fact, the vote for Madison and Clinton fell far below that cast for Jefferson and Clinton four years before. Jefferson had received 162 electoral votes; Madison now received only 122. The Federalists had received 14 in 1804; in 1808 they received 47.

JEFFERSON'S LAST YEARS.

On March 4th, 1809, Thomas Jefferson transferred the executive power to James Madison. He had eight years before indulged in many professions of reluctance to undertake the duties of President. The sincerity of these professions may be a matter of doubt, but no doubt can arise concerning the expressions of relief which now escaped him. Had he retired four years earlier they would have had no existence; but his second administration had brought with it much that was harassing. He was disappointed at the miscarriage of his favorite theory, the necessity of preserving peace at whatsoever cost. The Embargo¹ Act had forced the country into measures which had